

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 603
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Captain Ronald L. Davis on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have devoted much of their lives to the service of their nation as a member of the armed forces of the United States and who have performed with great valor and uncommon devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ronald L. Davis is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for almost 37 years in the U.S. Military, of which 29 were in the United States Coast Guard Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Davis enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963, serving almost eight years including a one year tour of duty in Vietnam and Thailand, where he flew combat missions on AC-47 Gunships; he was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Davis enlisted in the United State Coast Guard Reserve in 1976 and was commissioned as an Ensign in 1979; he was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and served five months as a member of the Coast Guard Port Security Unit in Saudi Arabia and was later called to duty in the Midwest floods of 1993 and 1995; and

WHEREAS, Captain Davis has also been mobilized and deployed for Operation Allied Force in Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and several other overseas deployments; he has served as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Unit in Nashville from 1991-94; Coast Guard Reserve Unit in Paducah, Kentucky, from 1994-95; the Coast Guard Port Security Unit 308 in Gulfport, Mississippi, from 1999-2002; and the Coast Guard Element: Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, US Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, from 2002-05; and

WHEREAS, among the numerous awards that Captain Davis has received during his career are the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Coast Guard Meritorious Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal twice, the Navy Achievement Medal, and a Commandant's Letter of Commendation; and

WHEREAS, District Attorney General for the 21st Judicial District in his civilian career, Ronald Davis revitalized and rebuilt the 21st Judicial District Drug Task Force and participated in the creation of the Methamphetamine education program, which he presents in schools within the 21st Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, Captain Davis is Past President of the Williamson County Bar Association; has been a volunteer pilot for the Red Cross Blood Service; serves as Chairman of the Board of the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center that he founded and organized; and is a member of the Franklin Noon Rotary, the Reserve Officer's Association of the United States, the National District Attorney's Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and Brentwood United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Captain Davis will be taking a much deserved retirement from the United States Coast Guard Reserve in June of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Captain Davis exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable military career, Captain Davis has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his superiors, his peers and those under his command; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Captain Ronald L. Davis profound thanks for his courageous service to his nation in both times of war and of peace and our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.